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Youghiogheny Lake Campground

YOUGHIOGHENY RIVER LAKE – The Outflow and Tub Run Campgrounds at Youghiogheny River Lake will be opening for the 2007 recreation season on May 18th. There is a limit of two tents or one tent plus one trailer/wheeled unit per site at both campgrounds, and a maximum of six people per site. All camping units, vehicles and equipment must be kept within the site boundaries and on the site pad. The walk-in tent parking areas at both campgrounds are only for campers using the walk-in tent sites, and are limited to two vehicles per site. Some overflow parking is available.

Starting this season, people visiting campers in the Tub Run Campground will be charged a visitor fee of \$3 per vehicle per day. Use of this campground is limited to registered campers and their visitors. Visitors are required to leave the campground by 10 p.m.

Reservations for the Outflow and Tub Run Campgrounds can be made through the National Recreation Reservation Service (NRRS), an interagency one-stop service center for recreation reservations. Reservations can be made by calling the NRRS at 1-877-444-6777 (toll-free) or on their web site www.recreation.gov. Campsites at Pittsburgh District lakes not in the NRRS program, and a certain percentage of campsites at NRRS campgrounds, are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Flood damage reduction is one of the primary purposes of Youghiogheny River Lake and Pittsburgh District's 15 other reservoir projects. Many are also operated to meet downstream water quality and water supply goals. Recreation, while an important consideration, is not the only factor that comes into play when regulating water levels in our lakes. Operation of the dams in accordance with their approved guidelines may result in temporary or seasonal closure of launching ramps and beaches during recreation season due to either high or low water conditions in the lake. Campgrounds may also be affected by high water events related to storms. Therefore, it is always a good idea to contact the lake before visiting to make sure that the recreational facilities of interest are available for use.